



A call to holiness in the workplace

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LICC Work Champion, David Walker, challenges us as Christians to give us much focus to our 'To Be' list, especially in the workplace, as we do to our 'To Do' lists.

On 23 November 1654, Blaise Pascal experienced his 'night of fire': a powerful vision of God that transformed his life.

Pascal's legacy in the field of mathematics and physics continues to this day – his pioneering invention of the first mechanical calculator laid the way for the modern computer and his Law of Probability continues to be used by economists to this day.

He spoke about three orders of greatness. The first encompasses beauty and strength: 'physical greatness'. The second covers the greatness of genius: science and art. But above all this is the third kind of greatness: holiness.

In the Old Testament, the holiness of God is seen as a transforming power. It is God's holiness that stops people in their tracks. It changes them and changes those around them. This transforming, powerful holiness of God was

shown ultimately in Jesus, who turned the understanding of holiness on its head. Unlike the Pharisees, Jesus didn't keep away from the places or people who were unclean. He headed straight for them. He chose to spend time with them. It is this holiness of God, in Jesus, to which we are called: to be set apart for God, yet immersed in the world; to live differently for God, yet use our influence to shape the culture around us. This is God's call on your life.

Exploring the multi-layered nature of calling is key to all Christians, especially in the everyday context of work. As we read through the Bible, it becomes clear that God is interested in who we are as much as he is in what we do. We think regularly about our 'to do' list at work – perhaps we should also give more thought to our 'to be' list. How are we growing in the fruit of the Holy Spirit as whole-life disciples? Alongside doing good work, we also need to be asking who is God calling

us to be at work, wherever we work and whatever we do?

The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica to encourage them in the face of opposition. You will know the reality of similar opposition as you live out your faith in the workplace. Into this context, Paul urges the church to live in ways that please God, writing in 1 Thessalonians 4:3 'it is God's will that you should be sanctified' ... to be holy ... to be set apart for God, especially at work.

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